

# BRUCKMILLER HITS COLTS POWERLESS

Allows But Two Hits, While Goobers Swat Ver-  
bunt Thirteen Times for Eight Tallies—Five  
Errors Made, but Result Would  
Have Been Same.

## VIRGINIA LEAGUE

RESULTS YESTERDAY.  
Richmond, 12; Petersburg, 8.  
Lynchburg, 12; Danville, 3.  
Roanoke—Norfolk (postponed).  
Results postponed.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.	W.	L.	P.C.	Last Year
Norfolk	40	31	.563	.459
Roanoke	38	34	.528	.500
Richmond	36	34	.514	.462
Lynchburg	36	36	.500	.500
Petersburg	35	35	.500	.444
Danville	27	44	.380	.635

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.  
Petersburg at Richmond (double-header).  
Roanoke at Norfolk.  
Danville at Lynchburg.

BY GUS MALBERT

It was just tough. That's all there is to it. Not the plain, ordinary tough-h, but tough-h, which is a sort of superlative kind of toughness. Obviously, these few personal remarks refer to the ball game which was played yesterday out in the lot wherein the alfalfa grows and in which Richmond and Petersburg were the combatants. Just as obviously, from the tone of this mournful dirge, Richmond lost, and because the news must be told, the score was 8 to 0.

Richmond recently went on a foraging expedition, and as a result of his quest managed to tie on to three new ball players. His line-up yesterday was just as unfamiliar as it was at the beginning of the season, new faces appearing at most unexpected places and at most inopportune moments. But the new faces, answering to the names of McCarthy, Eaton and Simmons, respectively, had much to do with the result. Bowen, who was suspended a few days ago, was reinstated, and switched from third to second.

Bruckmiller was pitted against Ver-  
bunt, and for three short spells was a pitchers' battle. After that—well, after that Ver-  
bunt happened not to be figured in the battling Bruckmiller, but on the other hand, refused to be either coaxed or cajoled into allowing hits, and the total result of nine innings, hard work by the Colts was two measly bingles—one a leaguer by Martin, and the other, wonder of wonders, a healthy swat by Ver-  
bunt. But neither helped in achieving a victory was concerned.

Sorrowful as it is to admit, the Goobers simply outplayed the Colts. In fielding, hitting and battery work the playing of the visitors made the locals appear, but as a bunch of amateurs. No disgrace attaches, for, to the credit of the Colts, they battled every minute of the time, and met defeat still trying for victory.

Errors Were Costly.  
True, some errors were made. In fact, there were exactly nine of that variety. Willie Baker, charged with the biggest bunch, being responsible for three, a rather remarkable feat for the diminutive but fast third sacker. Ver-  
bunt, with a wild heave over first base, has the honor of being charged with another, while Johnny Priest, anxious not to be left behind, suggested the ball long enough to let the runner arrive safe, and so he gets the final one. The very worst of it all is that each of the errors helped in the run-  
ning.

Richmond did not lose because of errors. Not by any means. Ver-  
bunt was hit safely just thirteen times; and even if the swats had not come consecutively, as they did, the Jonah number would have spelled defeat. But the Goobers hit piled one on the other, and four of these hits were for extra bases, including three triples and one double.

Bruckmiller Inevitable.  
Bruckmiller, who was there with the chimes, and played a tune which was by no means to the liking of the locals. Just to feed out the ball, he passed four; then, to even up matters, he struck out eight. Indeed, he did some pitching. Richmond got a man on second in the first, and another dropped his way to third in the fourth. But there were any danger for Mr. Bruckmiller, for he simply dug into his repertoire and drew out a new brand, and the fellow on the bag remained as stationary as the Sphinx, while the boy with the willow was as impotent as a thimble trying to empty the ocean.

Baker coaxed a free passage in the opening inning and stole second, which made the faithful feel happy, seeing as how the Goobers had gone out in order in their half. Priest hit to deep center, but McCarthy, one of the trio of bingers, grabbed the leather. McCabe wilted at the left corner of the lot. Then Bruckmiller got ironical and walked Wallace, which again

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C. C. A. 11 7 .430

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Alcon 13 6 .769

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